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## Fly Bys

### Spouse It Up

The next Spouse It Up event is at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 25 in the Area D lodge. For more information, call the Family Support Center at Ext. 5407.

### W-2 availability

Aviano Airmen can get a copy of their W-2 online at the MyPay Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>.

W-2 forms will be available no later than Saturday.

### TurboTax

TurboTax 2005 will be available free to service-members for the upcoming tax season. The provider of TurboTax is currently working on updating its tax filing system with new rules and regulations for the next tax-filing season. Once the new version is available, it will be posted at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com). Personnel are reminded this service is available for home use and should only be downloaded using a commercial internet service provider. Turbo Tax is not approved for download through the NIPRNet or use on government computers.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Holzworth

### Welcome home

Shelley Stoverink gives her husband, Airman 1st Class Mark Stoverink, 31st Maintenance Squadron, a big welcome home kiss. Airman Stoverink returned to Aviano with other Airmen after being deployed to Iraq for AEF 7/8.

## USAFE celebrates 64 years of service

U.S. Air Forces in Europe – the Air Force's oldest active major command – celebrates its 64th anniversary this month.

It is a command that has helped shape world events since its inception during World War II. Its legacy continued through the Cold War, conflicts in Southeast Asia, and remains equally vital today as we continue that tradition in the global war on terrorism, said Gen. Tom Hobbins, the 34th and current USAFE commander.

"For more than half a century, USAFE air-

men have taken the fight to America's and our allies' enemies," General Hobbins said. "All Airmen and civilians assigned to USAFE today, like those who came before, should take pride in the fact that, every day, their service to our nation adds to this command's proud legacy."

What became USAFE began its existence as Eighth Air Force at Savannah, Ga., on Jan. 19, 1942. A few weeks later, the War Department

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**USAFE Idol:** Do you have what it takes? Sign up for the base-level portion of USAFE Idol Feb. 25 and find out. For details, call Ext. 5080.

### 31st FW Sortie Board

sortie: n, a flight of a combat aircraft on a mission

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31st FW goal	554.2	400
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Information current as of Thursday.



### On target

Aviano's Combat Arms Training and Maintenance Airmen keep the community primed and on target.

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### City of lights

Grab a map and set out on foot to explore the city that offers some of the best art, people-watching and cafes around.

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## 31st Fighter Wing

# Commander's Corner

**By Brig. Gen. Robert Yates**  
*31st Fighter Wing commander*

**W**orld's Finest – This week I will introduce what I plan to make a monthly Commander's Corner devoted to historical wisdom – shaping the conduct of our lives today consistent with the wisdom of yesterday.

This week's historical wisdom is attributed to our second president – The Honorable Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence. This wisdom was written when he was asked to provide advice to a young man on rules to live by. Our second president provided the following guidance:

“The Portrait of a Good Man by the most sublime of Poets, for your imitation.

“Lord, who's the happy man that may to thy blest courts repair; Not stranger-like to visit them, but to inhabit there?

“Tis he whose every thought and deed by rules of virtue moves; Whose generous tongue disdains to speak the thing his heart disproves.

“Who never did a slander forge, his neighbor's fame to wound; Nor hearken to a false report by malice whispered round.

“Who vice in all its pomp and power, can treat with just neglect; And piety, though clothed in rags, religiously respect.

“Who to his plighted vows and trust has ever firmly stood; And though he promise to his loss, he makes his promise good.

“Whose souls in usury disdains his treasure to employ; Whom no rewards can ever bribe the guiltless to destroy.

“The man who, by this steady course, has happiness insured, When earth's foundations shake, shall stand by Providence secured.”

If you decide to try to decipher the exact meaning each of these poetic offerings, I applaud you! If not, I'll pass along the following very loose modern ‘American’ English translation of same to ease the process:

- Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

- Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

- Never spend your money before you have it.

- Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap.

- Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst and cold.

- We never repent of having eaten too little.

- Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

- How much pain has cost us the evils which have never happened.

- Take things always by their smooth handle.

- When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.

To you all, I hope you enjoy such wisdom – I certainly do. It is wise to look back on the times and words of our forefathers and mothers – their wisdom never fails.

On the realistic side, I would point out that President Jefferson was renowned as a loose spender, and the offspring of his affairs remain quite noteworthy even today. He was a good man, possessing of a good soul, but quite human like the rest of us. Nonetheless, his counsel is meaningful, thoughtful, springs forth from a brilliant mind and a life of selfless service to our great nation. We should all try to live our lives consistent with President Jefferson's counsel – it will serve us well.

It is my sincere wish that each of you enjoy your weekend, take time to spend time with family, friends and loved ones and don't drink and drive. Until Monday, be safe, enjoy life as you abide with the wisdom of our second president and may God Bless!



## Commander's Connection

**Q:** Construction around the La Bella Vista traffic intersection has made visibility of traffic coming from the 31st Mission Support Squadron direction poor. During inclement weather the visibility is low. Would it be possible to make a four-way stop at the La Bella Vista intersection?

**A:** I'd like to offer my compliments to you because traffic and driving safety is on your mind – that's very encouraging. According to Italian law, one road at every intersection must be designated as a priority road. In the case of the intersection near La Bella Vista and the main lodging building, the priority road is the road leading

from the South Gate toward the flight line. This is designated the priority road because it feeds into the base from what will soon be our main gate. We also plan to transform this intersection into a traffic circle to facilitate safety, efficiency and smooth traffic flow. We are working hard to resource the project and hope to begin the project at the end of 2006. Thank you again for your vigilance in identifying potential safety hazards and taking the time to bring them to my attention.

To submit a question to the Commander's Connection, e-mail [cc.connect@aviano.af.mil](mailto:cc.connect@aviano.af.mil). It is recommended that members contact the appropriate agency or go through their chain of command before using the Commander's Connection.

# Aggressor squadron stands up at Nellis

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski  
Air Force Print News

**W**ASHINGTON – The Air Force reactivated the 65th Aggressor Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Jan. 12. In a letter to Airmen, Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff, cited the history of the unit as “legendary” and said the aggressors will “directly contribute to the combat capability of our Airmen.”

“The 65th and other aggressor units will provide realistic adversary training in air, space and information operations that make us even better,” General Moseley said. “Their training will keep us innovative as we fight this global war on terror and defend this great nation in the face of modern threats and tactics that continue to proliferate.”

“We have to have adversarial training to remain razor sharp,” he said.

The unit stood up with nine F-15C Eagles and later will be expanded to a total of 24 fighters. The squadron was last active in 1989 when it operated F-5E Tiger II aircraft.

The squadron will fly alongside the F-16 Fighting Falcons of the 64th Aggressor Squadron – part of the Air Force’s advanced composite force training team.

The general also said advanced adversarial training will better prepare Airmen. He also urged people to “use these opportunities to continually innovate and improve our tactics, technologies and training.”

“If we do that then we will continue to dominate air, space and cyberspace,” General Moseley said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bethann Caporaletti

## Peaceful march

Brig. Gen. Robert Yates, 31st Fighter Wing commander, and his wife, Barb, prepare for the candlelit peace march Jan. 13. After Aviano members marched in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., they listened to a moving rendition of his “I have a Dream” speech delivered by Chaplain (Maj) Shon Neyland.

**Tea:** The Order of the Eastern Star hosts an invitational tea from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 28 in the community center. For more information, call Ext. 7844.

# 2006 defense budget increases military pay, benefits

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

**W**ASHINGTON – President George W. Bush ushered in an across-the-board 3.1 percent military pay raise Jan. 1.

A variety of new or enhanced benefits for servicemembers and their families is included in the 2006 National Defense Authorization Bill, which he signed into law Jan. 6.

In addition to a pay raise that’s a half percent higher than the average private-sector increase, the new budget provides about 20 new or increased bonuses or special pays or benefits.

The new law provides a variety of benefits designed to better compensate servicemembers, improve their quality of life and promote recruiting and retention, Chuck Witschonke, DOD’s deputy director for compensation, said.

Among the law’s most significant features are:

- An increase in the maximum reenlistment bonus offered, from \$60,000 to 90,000;
- A new ceiling on hardship-duty pay,

from \$300 to \$750 a month;

- A doubling of the maximum assignment incentive pay for hard-to-fill billets or assignments, from \$1,500 to \$3,000 a month, now payable either in a lump sum or installments;

- A new allowance to cover the first \$150,000 in Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance premiums for troops serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom;

- A new bonus of up to \$2,500 for servicemembers who agree to transfer from one service to another and serve for at least three years;

- An average 5.9 percent increase in housing allowances, with authority to increase set levels temporarily by as much as 20 percent in areas affected by natural disasters or troop surges resulting from force realignments;

- An increase of 2,000 pounds in the household goods weight allowance for senior noncommissioned officers E-7 and above;

- Enhanced death benefits, resulting in a total of \$238,000 for all deaths not previously qualified for enhanced benefits, and the permanent institution of a policy that continues the basic allowance

for housing or government quarters for one year for families of deceased servicemembers;

- Authority to pay the applicable overseas cost-of-living allowance to dependents who remain at their location outside the continental United States when a servicemember deploys from that location;

- A bonus of up to \$12,000 per year for both active and reserve members with certified language proficiency;

- Payment of travel and lodging for families of hospitalized servicemembers wounded in combat zones or other designated areas.

Mr. Witschonke emphasized the new law does not guarantee all servicemembers will qualify for these pays and benefits, or those who do will receive the highest amounts authorized. Rather, the law gives defense and service leaders the flexibility they need to tailor the force to meet operational, recruiting and retention goals.

More information about pay and benefits is posted on DOD’s military compensation Web site at [www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/](http://www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/).

## 8 Aviano Airmen receive courts-martial in December

*Courtesy of the 31st Fighter Wing Legal Office*

**Oct. 21** – A 31st Maintenance Squadron airman first class was tried by general court martial for negligent homicide by driving a vehicle in a negligent manner which resulted in the death of the accused's passenger. A panel found the accused not guilty.

**Oct. 28** – A 31st Security Forces Squadron airman basic was tried for two incidents of using provoking speech and gestures, two incidents of indecent exposure and drunk and disorderly conduct. The airman struck two people performing designated driver duties for Airman Against Drunk Driving. In addition, the accused urinated on the AADD van and used provoking words toward the driver of the van. A summary court officer sentenced the accused to 29 days confinement and a forfeiture of \$823 pay.

**Nov. 8** – A 31st Mission Support Squadron staff sergeant was tried by special court martial for drunk driving and leaving the scene of two different

accidents caused by his drunk driving. The accused pled guilty to all charges and a special court martial consisting of a military judge sentenced the sergeant to 60 days confinement.

**Nov. 9** – A 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron airman was tried for wrongful use of marijuana on five different occasions in dormitory rooms. The accused pled guilty and a summary court martial officer sentenced the accused to 30 days confinement and a reduction to E-2.

**Nov. 10** – A 31st AMXS airman was tried by special court martial for wrongful use of cocaine on five different occasions at an off-base location. The accused pled guilty and a special court martial consisting of a military judge sentenced the accused to a bad conduct discharge, 90 days confinement and a reduction to E-1.

**Nov. 17** – A 31st SFS airman was tried for striking another airman, spitting in the airman's face and using a barrage of indecent language while assaulting the other airman. The accused pled guilty to all charges and a summary court officer sentenced the accused

to seven days confinement, reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of \$823 pay.

**Dec. 25** – A 31st MXS senior airman was tried by general court martial for assault consummated by battery on his wife, aggravated assault of his wife, misuse of a government travel card and disobeying a lawful no-contact order. The accused pled guilty to the assault consummated by battery, misuse of a GTC and disobeying a lawful order. The accused also pled guilty to a second charge of assault consummated by battery, a lesser included offense of the aggravated assault, and pled not guilty to the aggravated assault. A panel found the accused not guilty of aggravated assault and sentenced the accused to a bad conduct discharge, 60 days confinement and reduction to the grade of E-1.

**Dec. 28** – A 31st AMXS senior airman was tried for being absent without leave for approximately one day. The Airman pled guilty to the charge and a summary court officer sentenced the accused to 15 days confinement, forfeiture of two-thirds pay for 15 days and reduction to the grade of E-2.

**Money Matter\$:** The Family Support Center offers money management classes. Call Tom Snyder at Ext. 5456 for more information.

## 31st FW legal office hands out non-judicial punishments —

*Courtesy of 31st Fighter Wing Legal Office*

### 31st Civil Engineer Squadron

A staff sergeant was charged under Article 92 for government computer violations and Article 134 for adultery. For this misconduct, the sergeant received 30 days extra duty, suspended reduction to E-4 and a reprimand.

### 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron

An airman first class was charged under Article 86 for failure to go and Article 92 for violation of a lawful order. For this misconduct, the Airman received 21 days extra duty, reduction to E-2, a reprimand and forfeiture of \$346 pay for one month.

### 31st Mission Support Squadron

A technical sergeant was charged under Article 128 for simple assault. For this misconduct, the sergeant received a reduction to E-5, a reprimand and forfeiture of \$1,225 pay for one month.

### 31st Maintenance Squadron

An airman first class was charged under Article 111 for drunk driving. For this misconduct, the Airman received 45 days extra duty, 30 days restriction, reduction to E-2 and forfeiture of \$602 pay for two months.

### 603rd Air Control Squadron

A staff sergeant was charged under Article 86 for failure to go and for going from place of duty. For this misconduct, the sergeant received 30 days extra duty, reduction to E-4 and a reprimand.

*Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to address alleged minor offenses by administering non-judicial punishment. If a commander concludes the member committed the offense or offenses, the commander determines an appropriate punishment.*

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put Eighth Air Force at the center of the Allies' plans for winning the war by giving it the mission of directing the U.S. strategic bombing campaign against Axis Europe from the United Kingdom.

In February 1944, the headquarters took control of strategic bombing missions based in the Mediterranean. The broader mission brought with it a new name, U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, later shortened to U.S. Air Forces in Europe in August 1945.

USAFE helped deter Soviet attack on Western Europe though the long years of the Cold War, contributed forces to victorious coalitions in the Persian Gulf War and the Balkans conflict in the 1990s, and saved countless lives while participating in nearly 200 humanitarian operations.

Its commanders have included such legendary Air Force leaders as Gen. Carl Spaatz, Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Gen. Lauris Norstad and, more recently, Gen. Michael Ryan and Gen. John P. Jumper, both of whom later served as Air Force Chief of Staff.

The headquarters' continuing commitment to excellence is reflected in the fact that it has won 11 Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards since 1986. Its current missions include strengthening America's ties with the more than 90 countries in its area of responsibility and defending American interests in the region against the full spectrum of threats.

The command has played a leading role in the global war on terrorism, deploying people and equipment to Afghanistan, Iraq and the Persian Gulf region, as well as the trans-Sahara region of northern Africa.



## Projects for single, unaccompanied Airmen give CHEER

**By Senior Airman Colleen Wronek**  
31st Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs

The holidays are over, but that doesn't mean Project CHEER is.

Project CHEER has plenty of activities available through March for single and unaccompanied Airmen.

"The biggest headline coming up is the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Idol which comes to Aviano Feb. 25," said 1st Lt. Robb Granado, 31st Contracting Squadron and Project CHEER Wing POC. "All Aviano divas and talented individuals should get ready to bring the funk to the competition. More information will follow over the next month."

Lieutenant Granado said Project CHEER has a little something for everyone. "Whether your interests are snowboarding and travel or Xbox and PC Wars, CHEER has something for you," he said. "The 31st Services Squadron has made tremendous efforts to create a wide range of activities for everyone. Activities can be viewed on the services Web site."

Project CHEER is seasonal and runs from Nov. 1 to March 31. The CHEER stands for Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation. The goal of the program is to relieve some stress and loneliness that may come with being far away from family during the winter months.

"It can be difficult to be single and unaccompanied overseas. By getting involved in events that interest you, you fight the winter blues and expand your horizons," Lieutenant Granado said. "Europe has some incredible once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that all Airmen should take advantage of."

Lieutenant Granado said Aviano's Project CHEER program is leading the way for all USAFE bases. In November and December about 15,000 people attended Project CHEER events.

Anyone who has ideas for future Project CHEER events or how to improve the program can contact Lieutenant Granado at Ext. 0100. He said he would love to receive feedback from single, unaccompanied Airmen in the community.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bethann Caporaletti

### A STEP up

Monty Crawford, 31st Operations Support Squadron airfield management training chief, is STEP promoted to technical sergeant by Brig. Gen. Robert Yates, 31st Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Pamela Lane, 31st Fighter Wing command chief, Jan. 12 during the morning wing safety briefing.



Photo by Airman Nathan Doza

Bradley Lane, 31st Maintenance Squadron munitions storage assistant element chief, is STEP promoted to master sergeant during the afternoon wing safety briefing Jan. 12.

## Used car lot makes buying, selling easy

**By Senior Airman Sarah Gregory**  
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Change isn't always easy, but it is necessary sometimes.

To help free up parking spaces at the base exchange and commissary and improve base force protection, Aviano now has an official used vehicle resale parking lot.

"As a U.S. Air Force Services program, the official car lot provides a service to both the base and the community," said Maurizio Salvador, 31st Services Squadron outdoor recreation director. "[With the new lot] vehicles are not randomly parked or left in an abandoned state in parking slots around base."

Outdoor recreation provides the used lot service to Aviano members and the staff is responsible for registering vehicles and monitoring the lot.

Vehicles previously parked at the commissary and BX must now be registered through outdoor recreation, located behind the BX in Bldg. 1479.

There are 51 slots located at the east end of the BX parking lot, in rows K, L and M. The cost for parking a vehicle in an assigned slot is \$9 per week, \$15 for two weeks and \$25 per month.

Mr. Salvador added that while there has never been an official parking lot for Aviano members, the change is one for the better.

"The new lot provides several advantages to sellers such as a designated place to park vehicles and lot supervision by

the outdoor recreation staff on a daily basis. This also helps act as a deterrent to possible vandalism."

The new lot also offers benefits to vehicle buyers.

"Since all vehicles parked at the official lot must have a current safety inspection, buyers know that vehicles parked there are road-worthy," Mr. Salvador said. "The new lot also gives buyers a chance to see all used vehicles in one location and all important information for vehicle purchase is readily available through outdoor recreation."

In addition to a current safety inspection, sellers must possess a valid ID card, have a license and proof of current insurance and registration for the vehicle. All documentation of the vehicle must be current and comply with all applicable base regulations.

Outdoor recreation is working with security forces to notify owners with vehicles still parked in the previous lot. "Any vehicle left behind in the previous lot for a long period of time will be ticketed or removed at the owner's expense," said Mr. Salvador.

Mike Coltrin, 31st Services Squadron resource management flight chief, said the money collected from parking fees will be used to improve the base. "All the money raised goes back into the community in a variety of ways. With the funds, we can improve any services activity offered on base, contribute to unit funds and donate to community events such as the base Fourth of July celebration."

# Aviano's Combat Arms Training and Maintenance unit keeps things ...

# on target

**By Senior Airman Sarah Gregory**  
31st Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs

Photos by Staff Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



**Above:** Senior Airmen Jesus Montiel and Ivonne Suarez, 31st Security Forces Squadron, practice clearing their M-4 carbines during weapon qualification training Jan. 12.

**Below:** Staff Sgt Chadwick Eldrige, 31st Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms instructor, demonstrates holding a weapon during a training class.

**B**OOM! BOOM! BOOM! To the backdrop of what sounds like mini-explosions, the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance team teaches Aviano Airmen how to use and maintain weapons effectively.

"We provide the basic fundamentals of marksmanship training," said Tech. Sgt. William Duft, 31st Security Forces Squadron assistant CATM NCO in charge. "Training includes how to clean, maintain, clear and fire a weapon and safety practices."

Though a majority of base personnel only need to qualify on the M-16 rifle, the CATM instructors must be familiar with a variety of weapons.

"The weapons we instruct on vary from rifles to machine guns to grenade launchers," said Sergeant Duft. "All CATM instructors must

be proficient on the weapons they teach and must maintain their qualifications."

In order to maintain weapon proficiency, CATM instructors are required to take the shooting qualifications test twice a year. They also must complete additional proficiency rounds on all the small arms weapons. Proficiency rounds, Sergeant Duft said, are target practice.

"Every quarter we're authorized a certain amount of rounds for each weapon and we have to go out to the range and fire those rounds," Sergeant Duft. "The most well-known weapons we work with are the M-4, M-9, M-16 and M-203; in total, there are about seven weapon systems CATM instructors must be familiar with and qualified on."

Although keeping the base trained and informed on weapon safety is a big job, the CATM instructors have another responsibility to fulfill.

"The CATM unit has a two-fold mission – training the base personnel and keeping the security forces mission-ready," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Grey, CATM NCOIC. "The security forces mission involves keeping security forces qualified to guard hazardous material areas







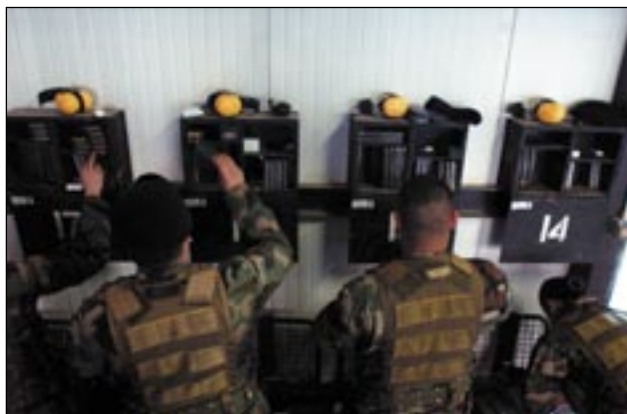
and protect our resources.”

Members belonging to organizations that require arming up more often have to have more training and qualify more frequently. For example, those in Category A, which includes security forces, Office of Special Investigation agents and Tactical Air Control Party members, have to shoot at least twice a year. Those in Category B include some 31st Civil Engineer Squadron members such as Explosive Ordnance Disposal, who are

required to qualify once a year.

Overall, the CATM unit is responsible for teaching more than 4,500 people per year.

“It’s a good overall feeling; teaching someone a useful skill that may someday save their life,” said Sergeant Duft. “You definitely get a sense of accomplishment when a person makes their marksmanship qualification; they feel good and that’s a good day.”



**Top:** Senior Airman Jesus Montiel, 31st Security Forces Squadron, practices aiming his M-4 while wearing a gas mask. The 31st SFS troops must take combat arms training twice a year to maintain their weapon qualifications.

**Center:** Airmen with the 31st Security Forces Squadron load magazines during their weapons qualification training at the Combat Arms Training classroom Jan. 12.

**Left:** Airman Bruce Rick, left, 31st Security Forces Squadron, gives site corrections to Senior Airman Jesus Montiel during a training class Jan. 12.

# Flybys: Community Information at a Glance

## Healthcare meeting

People interested in healthcare within the 31st Medical Group can attend the Health Consumer's Advisory Council meeting at 3 p.m. today in the wing conference room. For more information, call Ext. 5035.

## Marital classes

Learn more about yourself, your partner and your relationship by understanding personality types and how they interact both positively and negatively with Family Advocacy's marital enrichment class. The two-session class is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Feb. 1 in Bldg. 108, Area One. On-site childcare is available. For more information, call Ext. 5667.

## Resume workshop

The Family Support Center hosts a resume writing class from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 27 in Bldg. 118, Area One. The class teaches the basics of creating a resume, the various formats,

key words and the importance of a cover letter. The class is open to everyone. Sign up by calling the FSC at Ext. 5407 or e-mail [sylvia.flores@aviano.af.mil](mailto:sylvia.flores@aviano.af.mil).

## Women's history

The Women's History Month committee is looking for members and is hosting its first meeting at 3 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Military Equal Opportunity conference room in Bldg. 220, Area Two.

## Girl Scout cookies

The Aviano Girl Scouts are selling cookies through Feb. 4 at the base exchange and shopette after 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The cost is \$3.50 per box and proceeds benefit the Aviano community.

## Chief recognition

A Chief Recognition Ceremony is at 6 p.m. Feb. 4 in the La Bella Vista Club. The ceremony honors Chief Master Sgt. Selects William

Elliott, 704th Munitions Squadron; James Kruse, 724th Air Mobility Squadron; Luther Meitzner, 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Lloyd Muranaka, 31st AMXS; Timothy Pratt, 724th AMS; La Shawn Scott, 31st Dental Squadron; Gerald Thompson, 712th Munitions Squadron; and David Torelli, 31st Maintenance Squadron.

## Prayer breakfast

A National Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for 8 a.m. Feb. 8 at the La Bella Vista Club. The guest speaker is Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, USAF Deputy Chief of Chaplains. Tickets cost \$4 for club members and \$5 for non-club members and can be purchased through first sergeants.

## History Month

The African American Heritage committee meets 3 p.m. Wednesdays in Bldg. 103 in the second floor conference room. Anyone interested in attending, volunteering and sharing ideas is welcome. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tameacca Miller at Ext. 5242, Master Sgt. Virginia Wimmer at Ext. 5519 or Master Sgt. Luis Adams at Ext. 7835.

## Scholarships

The Defense Commissary Agency and the Fisher House Foundation are currently accepting scholarship applications through Feb. 22. Authorized applicants include unmarried children under age 21 of active duty, Guard, Reserve and military retiree families. Applicants may range in age up to 23 years if they are presently enrolled. Application forms are available at the commissary and on the Internet at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

## Lost and found

The 31st Security Forces Squadron Investigations Section is the base point of contact for lost and found

property. Found property can be turned in to the law enforcement desk in Bldg. 1019 in Area F. Inquiries about lost property should be directed to the office where the property was lost before calling Ext. 5401 or 0434-30-5401.

## Deployment Club

The Aviano Kindergarten Deployment Club needs volunteers to lead or help children with crafts and activities. The club is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Aviano Kindergarten in Area One. To volunteer, e-mail [kristine.kessler@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:kristine.kessler@eu.dodea.edu).

## CCAF

The education center is holding weekly information sessions on the Community College of the Air Force associate degree program. Members interested in learning more about earning a CCAF degree should attend. Sessions are 9 a.m. every Monday at the education center, Bldg. 186, Area One.

## In the know

Tune in to AFN Prime Atlantic on decoder Channel 12 from home. It's the only TV source for Aviano-specific information about community events and for special announcements.

From your computer, tune into AFN Prime Atlantic, AFN Spectrum, AFN Pacific and AFN Sports for all the latest information about what's happening in the Aviano community.

## Homework club

The Aviano Elementary School Homework Club seeks volunteers to help students with homework, special projects, research and reading. The club meets from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and is open to students in first through fifth grades. To volunteer or for more information, contact Karen Borkowski at [Karen.Borkowski@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Karen.Borkowski@eu.dodea.edu) or call Ext. 5677.

## Reel Times

**Today, 5 p.m.** - "Chicken Little" Rated G - After Chicken Little causes widespread panic when an acorn falls on his head, a real piece of sky falls. With the help of his friends, Chicken Little attempts to save the world without sending the town into another panic. Animated.

**Today, 8 p.m.** - "Aeon Flux" Rated PG-13 - In the 25th century a rampaging virus has forced humanity into seclusion within a city. The city has great political conflict and an acrobatic assassin must target the government's top leader. Starring: Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand

**Saturday, 5 p.m.** - "Chicken Little" Rated G

**Saturday, 7 p.m.** - "The Legend of Zorro" Rated PG - Zorro is torn between his duty and his desire for a normal life. Conflict arises when plans for California to become a state are undermined and Zorro must foil these plans. Starring: Catherine Zeta-Jones, Antonio Banderas

**Sunday, 7 p.m.** - "Jarhead" Rated R - Anthony Swoff, a third-generation enlistee, survives boot camp and is deployed to the Middle East. Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Jamie Foxx

**Wednesday, 7 p.m.** - "Aeon Flux" Rated PG-13

**Thursday, 7 p.m.** - "Jarhead" Rated R

*(Titles and times are courtesy of [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com), and are subject to change.)*



### Fly Bys

#### Travel advisory

As of Jan. 11 tests conducted in Turkish laboratories have confirmed the country's 15th case of human infection with the Avian influenza virus. There is currently no confirmed human-to-human transmission of the Avian Flu. There have been no confirmed cases of Avian Flu identified in Italy.

All personnel stationed in or traveling through Turkey must follow prudent personal protection measures:

- Avoid all contact with live poultry and wild birds.
- Avoid poultry farms and live poultry markets.
- If you see a bird carcass, do not touch it.
- Follow good sanitation and hygiene practices.
- Practice safe handling of poultry products, including extensive cleansing and thorough cooking.

The latest Avian Flu information can be found on the World Health Organization website at [www.who.org](http://www.who.org) and the Center for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). For specific travel information concerning the Avian Flu visit the U.S. Department of State website at: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/health/health\\_1181.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/health/health_1181.html).

#### Online travel

Visit [www.aftravelonline.com](http://www.aftravelonline.com) for information on airplane and train tickets and hotel reservations.

## Discover the appeal of Paris

With sights like the Eiffel Tower, Musée di Louvre and Notre Dame, it's easy to understand the appeal Paris has to tourists. But underneath the surface of the major attractions is a whole world of Parisian sounds, tastes and places to explore.

Getting to Paris is relatively easy – both the Treviso and Venice airports offer inexpensive airline tickets. For those who don't like to fly, there are trains that go directly into the city.

Once there, the sheer number of things to do can be overwhelming. Pick something to your taste. Art fans should definitely visit the Musée di Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay. The Louvre doesn't take advanced reservations, so get there early to avoid long lines. As the largest museum in the world, the Louvre has an amazing collection of art. Again, it's best to pick a few areas of the museum that interests you and stick to those. Anything more and you'll wear yourself out.

The Musée d'Orsay is located in a renovated train station and holds many impressionist and postimpressionist paintings. This museum does offer advance booking on its web site or you can have your hotel make reservations.

After spending the morning immersed in some of the world's masterpieces, it's nice to take a break and regroup for the afternoon in one of the many cafés around town. Try a crepe, some chewy sourdough bread with cheese and beer fondue or a simple cappuccino. Paris is famous for its cafés and Parisians often linger over coffee as they watch the world go by.

If museums don't capture your interest, there are plenty of other options for tourists.

Directly in front of the Louvre entrance is the Jardin des Tuileries. Talk a walk through the landscaped gardens that open up directly on to the Champs-Élysées. This mile-long street is lined with fancy cafés and boutiques and takes walkers directly to the Arc di Triomphe.

Although Napoleon began construction on the arch as a monument to his military successes, it was never completed during his lifetime. Construction was finished in 1836 – 20 years after his death. Visitors can take 284 stairs up to



Courtesy photo

The Eiffel Tower offers sweeping views of the city of Paris. It also has two restaurants and public platforms.

the top for some magnificent views of the city. About halfway up the arch is a small museum documenting the arch's history. The best time to visit is in the evening – at 6:30 p.m. every night a candle is rekindled for France's Unknown Soldier, buried beneath the arch.

For the livelier side of Paris, visit one of the many celebrated cabaret shows. The Moulin Rouge and the Lido both offer dinner and show combinations. The glitzy performances are similar to Vegas-style shows and have songs in French and English. Reservations are recommended as shows sell out quickly and can be made online or through your hotel.

When visiting Paris, it's important to remember to pace yourself. There are so many things to do that it's not possible to cram everything into one visit. The city is diverse enough to offer something unique each time you come back. Whether it's elegant and chic or earthy and bohemian, Paris has many layers for visitors to explore. (Courtesy of 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

**Going places?** Traveling somewhere neat? Tell us about it! Submit travel stories or photos to [Vigileer@aviano.af.mil](mailto:Vigileer@aviano.af.mil).



Courtesy photo

Completely surrounded by Italy, the country of San Marino is located in the Appennines Mountains.

## Information, Tickets and Travel

Upcoming tours from the Information, Tickets and Travel office include:

- Saturday - Guided Florence
- Saturday - Guided Munich
- Jan. 28 - Pisa and Vinci
- Jan. 28 - San Marino
- Feb. 24 - 26 - Budapest, Hungary

ITT escorts ensure the group arrives and departs from the destination as scheduled and will do everything

possible to make the trip safe and comfortable. Escorts also provide general information about the area. Please note weather conditions and dress accordingly for the trip. The office also recommends wearing comfortable shoes because almost all tours involve walking.

Call Ext. 5072 or 5026 for more information.

# Kick into Aviano's Kuk Sool Won



Courtesy photos

Amado Garcia (left) spars with George Mejia during a recent Kuk Sool Won demonstration. Aviano's class also trains jointly with another school in the local community.

### By Tech. Sgt. Jerome Baysmore 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In most of today's military operations, servicemembers are asked to operate in a joint environment where missions blend.

Kuk Sool Won uses those blending principles in its approach to self defense, and it's available at the Aviano Community Center.

"It gives you everything," said Mr. George Mejia, 31st Services Squadron technician. "Judo gives you throws and Kung Fu teaches kicking. Kuk Sool Won gives you a bit of all martial arts from kicking to Judo and weapons. It gives you the inclination to get out and do more physical stuff."

The martial art system is dedicated to the cultivation of mental and physical strength, well-being and to the preservation of the traditional Korean martial art of fighting. It stresses self-control, discipline, self-defense, respect for others and self-confidence.

It has also been in the Aviano Community Center since 1994 as well as a joint class in Porcia.

"It's about fitness and being in tune with your body," the second degree black belt said. "I can perform the seven forms in 20 minutes, and it burns the same amount of

calories as running for two miles."

Since its founder, Amado Garcia, created the program, the school has produced more than 25 black belts from age 10 and up. The school also takes annual trips to European tournaments and championships. This year, the team plans to compete in Spain in April and England in June.

Aviano's program offers classes for children and adults on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Aviano Elementary School gym. The children's class is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and adults' class is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Anyone interested may watch one of the classes. For more information, log onto [www.kuk-soolwonitaly.com](http://www.kuk-soolwonitaly.com), or call Ext. 5479.



## Fly Bys

### Fitness center hours

The Area Two fitness center hours are from 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and is closed on weekends. For more information, call Ext. 5269.

### Fun run

The Aviano RoadRunners group invites participants in a fun run at 8 a.m. Sunday which leaves the Bar Municipio in Roveredo Square. For more information, call Chuck at Ext. 7692.

### Olympic torch

The Olympic torch will be passing through the Aviano area Sunday. The torch will pass through the streets of Sacile and on SS -13 between 2:51 and 3:05 p.m., through Fontanafredda via SS -13 at 3:34 p.m., through Porcia at 3:54 p.m., and through the streets of Pordenone at 4:20 p.m. The last street the torch will pass is Viale Treviso at 5:30 p.m. in Pordenone. The torch's entire schedule can be found at <http://ftp.torino2006.it/uploads/pdf/CompleteRoute.pdf>. Aviano-specific information is on page 58. For more information, visit <http://www.fiammaolimpica.it/>.

### Ski/Snowboard

Outdoor recreation offers ski and snowboard lessons beginning Feb. 17 at Piancavallo. The two-hour lessons are held on five Saturdays. The cost is \$130. Sign-ups will be taken until Jan. 31 or when classes are full. For more information, call Ext. 8623.

### Body conditioning

Enjoy Total Body Conditioning class from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call Ext. 7459.

### Officials wanted

The Aviano Referees Association is looking for flag football officials. For more information, call 348-252-4885.

### Recognizing The World's Finest

## Graduates

### Airman Leadership School

staff sergeant selects must complete this 24-day course in order to obtain the title "supervisor." **John Levitow Award** - Anthony Alvernaz, 31st Maintenance Squadron; **Leadership Award** - Laura Hamilton, 31st Operations Support Squadron; **Academic Award** - Karen Santiago, 31st Civil Engineering Squadron; **Distinguished Graduate Awards** - Laura Hamilton, 31st OSS; Karen Santiago, 31st CES; Matthew Huard, 31st CES; Taylor Travers, 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Errol Catanes, 31st MXS.

**31st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** - Kristy Zentkovich; **31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron** - Aaron Chambers, Cory Jarvis, Jennifer Lucas, Nathan McDonald, Chad Perkins, Zachary Smith, Brandon Ward; **31st Civil Engineer Squadron** - Bryan Adams; **31st Communications Squadron** - Christopher Routt; **31st Dental Squadron** - Gordon Pingel; **31st Fighter Wing** - Rodney Jarrell, Sara Sword; **31st Logistics Readiness Squadron** - Tiffani Ball, Geoffrey Goretzkie, Joe Harden, Mark McIlroy, Alessio Orlando, Michael Reilly, Dominick Perino, Cory Thomasson; **31st Maintenance Group** - Zachary McNair; **31st Maintenance Squadron** - Jason Enoch, Jessica Esparza, Thomas Fitzpartick, Dwayne Fuller, Deric Hiscock, Anthony Jason, Justin Luna, Brandon Lyda, Andrew McPherson, Robert Rogers, Nathaniel Schilz, David Tarver, Roland Tellez, Robert Vuchetich, Mary Weimer, Brandon Wilson, Andrew Zahm; **31st Medical Support Squadron** - Felix Cardenas; **31st Mission Support Squadron** - Stephanie Otey; **31st Security Forces Squadron** - Kathleen Berry, Orlando Chavis, Samuel Jalomo, Richard Kocher, Matthew Nelson, Jose Vasquez, Shannon Zemke; **31st Services Squadron** - Timothy Williams; **603rd Air Control Squadron** - Joseph Burns; **704th Munitions Support Squadron** - Anthony Sanger; **712th Munitions Squadron** - Russell Achee; **724th Air Mobility Squadron** - Michael Reddy; **Air Force News Agency Detachment 8** - Anthony Plyler.

• On behalf of the Aviano First Sergeants Council we want to say thank you to **Staff Sgt. Bradley West**, 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron, and all of his Angel Tree volunteers for another great Angel Tree year. We especially want to thank all the people who took an Angel from the tree. Your generosity continues to amaze us and makes this program possible. - *Senior Master Sgt. John Roth, 31st LRS*

• Aviano Youth Programs would like to congratulate the following people who placed first in their category in the 2006 Boys and Girls Club Local Fine Arts Exhibit: **Emma DeGoes, Austin Fortner, Perry Adams, Amanda James, Franco Deguzman** and **Ryan Martin**. They will go on to represent Aviano at the regional contest in March.

• I'd like to thank **Capt. (Dr.) Nate Krivitsky** and **Senior Airman Omer Sanabria**, 31st Dental Squadron, for their help with the military working dog dental surgery. Without their dedication during the surgery and getting all the things prepared it might not have been possible. Preparation for something like this is the tough part. - *Maj. (Dr.) Matthew Bronk, 31st DS*

## Aviano Airman of the Week

**Name:** Airman 1st Class Nicole Lomax, dining facility cook

**Unit:** 31st Services Squadron

**Hometown:** Houston, Texas

**Family:** Inge and Bliss Records, mother and stepfather; brothers Jason and Jeremy

**Hobbies:** reading, shopping and sky-diving

**Why joined:** to travel



## New to the Blue

**Keira Hari Zemialkowski** was born Nov. 20 to Airman 1st Class Pamela and Staff Sgt. Dennis Zemialkowski, 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

**Zakary Aaron Crafton** was born Dec. 4 to Tech. Sgt. Paige, 31st Mission Support Squadron, and Master Sgt. Chris Crafton, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron, and Taylor, 10.

**Tristan Lee Dozier** was born Dec. 11 to Lyubov and Tech. Sgt. Lee Dozier, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron.

**Milo Lucas D'Angelo Watkins** was born Dec. 20 to Jettie D'Angelo-Watkins and Senior Airman Eric Watkins, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron.

**Braden Clarke Potter** was born Dec. 20 to Rebecca and Maj. Kendall Potter, 31st Fighter Wing.

**Caleb Mark Bowles** was born Dec. 25 to Amy and Staff Sgt. Eric Bowles, 31st Maintenance Squadron, and Cody, 3.



### The Cornerstone

An indispensable and fundamental basis

The Cornerstone Page is devoted to those who support junior enlisted, NCOs, CGOs and spouses. It's to share advice, ideas and opinions dealing with life in the Air Force and Aviano. It's also a forum to recognize those around us. The Cornerstone Page will also offer Air Force trivia and facts.

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